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Unnat Bharat Programme
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is planning to launch a new scheme for connecting higher educational institutions with the rural development processes under the "Unnat Bharat" Programme;
(b) if so, the details thereof including its salient features;
(c) the present status of the said scheme and the timeframe for its implementation; and
(d) the details of Higher Educational Institutes (HET) which have adopted villages for development, State-wise/ Institution-wise details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(DR. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) and (b) : Yes, Madam. Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD) had launched Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) on 11th November, 2014 to enable higher educational institutions to work with the people of rural India in identifying development challenges and evolving appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth. MHRD has advised all the Higher Educational Institutions (HEIs) which are funded by the Central /State Government and all institutions which are under approval by the regulatory bodies to adopt clusters of backward Gram Panchayats / villages in their vicinity and apply their knowledge & expertise to improve the living conditions & livelihoods in the Gram Panchayats (GPs). The suggested inputs will be incorporated in the Gram Panchayat Development Plans to be considered for implementation by the District authorities.
(c) : MHRD has designated Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi as the Coordinating Institute for Unnat Bharat Abhiyan. A National Steering Committee has been constituted with some eminent scientists, technologists, educationist as well as representatives from different nodal Ministries of Government of India. Presently, 40 HEIs have identified clusters of villages after consultation with District Collectors. 26 HEIs have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with IIT Delhi to carry out further steps. The programme timeframe is for 3 years (2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19).
d) The details of Higher Educational Institutes (HEIs) which have adopted villages for field study, State-wise/ Institution-wise are as per Annexure.